

**In the Drawings:**

New figures 13, 14 and 15 are added herewith to illustrate the method claims. No new matter is being added, support being found in the claims as filed. Attached please find a complete set of replacement formal drawings (12 sheets) as required by the Examiner.

Figures 1-10 are amended herewith to remove unnecessary verbiage after the figure numbers, and Figure 10 was amended to correct the spelling of the word "Program".

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-42 are pending in the application, and stand rejected. Claims 1, 22, 23, 30, 38, 40, and 42 are currently amended.

**Amendments To The Specification**

The specification is amended to describe three new figures, Figs. 13, 14 and 15. The wording used is taken from the method claims to which the figures refer so that no new matter is added by these amendments.

**35 U.S.C. § 112 Rejections**

The "if" statements in the claims have been changed to "when". That is to say the method or system carries out the limitation unambiguously whenever the condition is encountered.

**Claim Rejections 35 USC 101**

In claims 30 – 37 and 40 – 41, the amendments suggested by the Examiner have been adopted.

In the method claims 1 – 29, 38 – 39 and 42 the steps pointed to by the Examiner have been amended to tie them to a particular machine.

It is nevertheless observed that it is not each individual step that is required by the Federal Circuit in re Bilsky to be tied to a particular machine but rather the claim as a whole. Thus even if some steps are not tied but others are, so that the claim as a whole cannot be performed without a particular machine, then the claim passes the first prong of the Bilsky test.

The remaining claims mentioned in this section of the Office Action are believed to be allowable as being dependent on an allowable main claim.

**Amendments To The Drawings**

New figures 13, 14 and 15 are added to illustrate the method claims. The drawings are strictly based on the claims and thus no new matter is added by addition of these drawings.

All of the matters raised by the Examiner have been dealt with and are believed to have been overcome.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all the claims now pending in the application are allowable. A Notice of Allowance is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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**Enclosures:**

- Letter to Chief Draftsman
- Annotated Drawing Sheets
- Formal Drawing Transmittal Sheet
- Complete Set of Replacement Drawing Sheets